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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

LIM et al.

Serial No. 09/944,448

Filed: August 30, 2001

For: **HUMAN EMBRYONIC STEM
CELLS DERIVED FROM FROZEN-
THAWED EMBRYO**

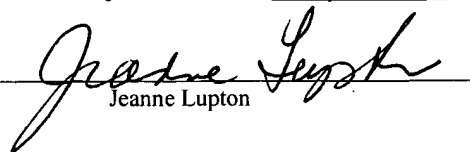
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 12, 2003. This response is being filed on or before the extended deadline of May 12, 2003. A petition for a one-month extension of time and the requisite fee are submitted herewith. Applicant believes no additional fees are due. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge additional fees which may be required, including extension fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our Order No. A-70899/RFT/THR [469145-1]).

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.